Tips for Trainers



Safety Day May 24, 2005

Objectives

Participants will:

- **Learn the basics of a presentation**
- Learn when and how to use common visual aids
- Describe tips for handling problem participants
- Use resources and tools to enhance presentation skills

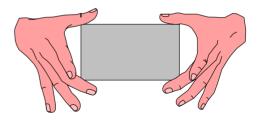


Parts of Presentation

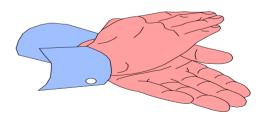
Beginning



Body



• Conclusion (End)





Goals and Objectives

• Goal – purpose and intent of the program, Who, What, Why

- Objective results that the participants will be able to perform
- Remember be SMART

Relate like a PRO

- Expectation
- Recognition
- Participation
- Application

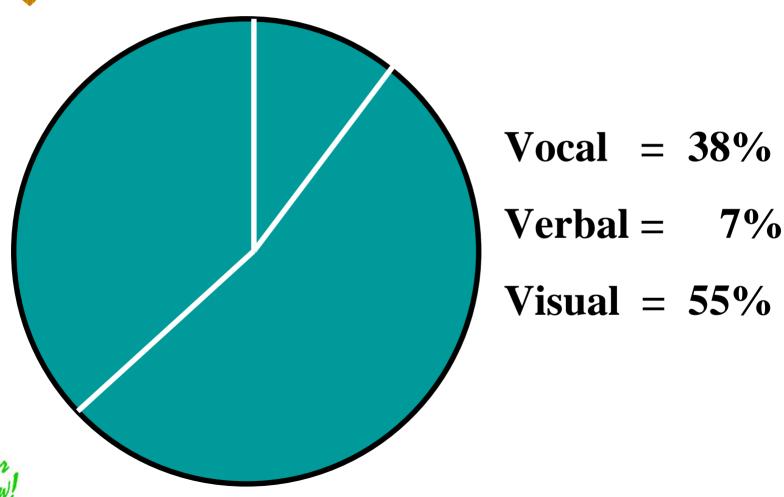
Keys to Successful Communication

- Verbal
 - Words

- Visual
 - Non-verbal gestures, body language
- Vocal
 - Tone, infliction of emphasis



Keys to Successful Communication



Why Use Visuals?





- Save Time
- Enhance Retention
- Promote Attentiveness
- Control Nervousness



Visual Aids

- Should not distract
- Used when needed
- Easily seen and/or heard
- Simple and interesting
- Speaker should not talk to the visual

Types of Visual Aids

- Flip Charts
- Overhead Projectors
- White boards
- Computer Projection Systems



Flip Chart

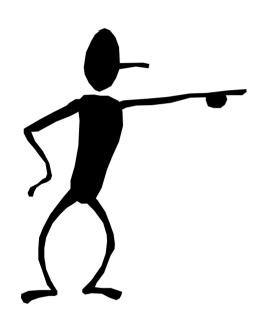
Use When...

- Smaller audience
- Capture ideas/brainstorming
- As a reference
- Hide presenter notes





Flip Chart



To use you MUST

- Prepare in advance
- Be sure stand is available
- Write LARGE!



Flip Chart



Cautions:

• Prevent marker bleed through

Stand to one side



Overhead Projectors



Use When:

- Large room
- Capture ideas



Overhead Projectors

To use you MUST:

- Have table and extension cord
- Use transparency markers
- Keep frames organized



Overhead Projectors





- Don't look into the LIGHT!
- Don't block view
- Have extra bulb



White board

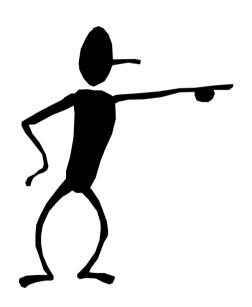


Use When:

- Smaller audience
- Capture ideas/brainstorm
- Print list for participants
- Write & wipe



White board



To use you MUST:

- Write large
- Use color



White board



Cautions:

- Only use dry markers
- Stand to side
- Arrive early & test equipment



Computer Projection System

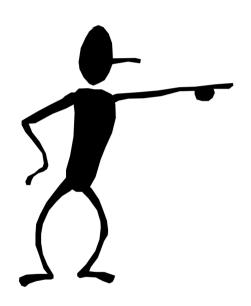


Use When:

- Know the facility
- Information is firm
- Want to make changes
- Make easy handouts



Computer Projection System



To use you MUST:

- PRACTICE
- Prepare in advance



Computer Projection System



Cautions:

- Check compatibility
- Screen???
- Test equipment early
- Have a back-up plan



4 Concepts

- Size
- Simplicity
- Contrast
- Consistency



Size (44 pt)

Titles	36pt	24pt	18pt
Subtitles	24pt	18pt	14pt
Other Text	18pt	14pt	12pt



Size

Flip Chart or White board

Titles 3 inches high

Subtitles 2 inches high

Other text $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches high



Let's Try It

- Write on 4x6 index cards
- Put on floor
- Stand up and read

Anything you want to change?



Simplicity

Amount of Information

- Condense
- Subdivide
- Use Progressive Disclosure



Simplicity

As A Rule

- 7 words on a line
- 6 lines on a slide
- If more is needed subdivide



How Does This Look?

- •More than 7 words on a line begins to look very crowded and...
- •If you have more than 6 lines on a slide then it is hard to get the words as big as you want and to see the slide in the back of the room!
- •What if I kept rambling on and on and on...
- •Is this slide getting any easier to read?



Font Types

Simple fonts are best Arial Times New Roman Univers



- Use both UPPER & lower case
- READING IN ALL CAPS IS HARDER Than reading Text Written in both Cases
- ITALICS CAN BE WORSE!



Strong contrast helps visibility

Light color text on dark background OR

Dark text on light background





Let's try light text on light background

How hard is it to read?



Now let's change the background..

Is this better?





This is a WORST CASE...

But I have seen it in use!



Also – we have more than 3 colors!





- Tell them what you will say
- Say it
- Tell them what you said



• Limit your colors to 3

Use color switching as a signal

Pick a format and STICK TO IT!



- Progressive Disclosure
- Don't cover the words
- Let them appear as YOU want to discuss them



Horizontal VS Vertical

- Think Screens!
- How will your slide fit on a screen?



Worksheet 4

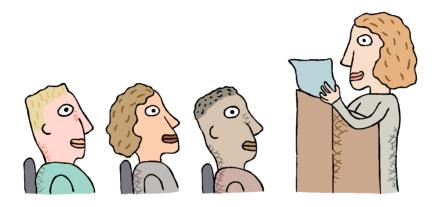


What visual aids will you use?

"Problem" Participants

- Talks too often
- Talks too long
- Talks to someone else at length
- Brings up personal or irrelevant issues
- Talks too little
- Recycles
- Challenges the trainer

Lecture!



• "The biggest enemy to learning is the talking teacher."

- John Holt, educator and author.



If you must lecture,

- Know your subject & audience.
- Don't read.
- Involve audience.
- Use mid-talk interventions.
- Use effective Q & A.
- Question participants



10 Biggest Mistakes

- Start with "bad" joke
- Speaking too long
- Poor visual aids
- Not rehearsing
- Ignoring audience

- •Fake it
- No eye contact
- Try to be a star
- Not practicing aloud
- Not checkingroom



The "Bad" Golden Rules

- Be Messy
- Conserve Space
- Use Full Sentences
- Write Small
- Use Black & White Only





The "Bad" Golden Rules

- Never use Graphics
- Talk to the Screen
- Read Each Word
- Don't Spell Check
- Wing It!





Practice what you've learned

and be

